

Minutes of Executive
Board Meeting Number Twenty-Five
1000 Hours, 03 August 1976

The following members were in attendance:



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AGENDA Item #1 - Direct Communications from Communications
OIC's to the D/CO

1. Mr. [] introduced this item by commenting that it was placed on the agenda as a result of a cable from Chief, [] suggesting rewording of [] to limit direct OIC to D/CO communications to instances where the OIC is specifically so authorized or directed.

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2. In discussions which followed, there was a general consensus that the number of instances of misuse of direct communications was relatively small and that such misuse is relatively easy to control on a case-by-case basis. A general feeling was also expressed that there are and there will continue to be instances where the communicator may be directed by the COS or as a result of pressing circumstances, the more appropriate route would be direct to Headquarters. The Area Chief has the prerogative of limiting subject matter on which his OIC's should communicate directly except in instances where Headquarters has established direct communications. (Instances are specific routine reports such as CATRAN/STRES, crypto, etc.) The key to proper use of such direct OIC to D/CO communications was recognized as being where appropriate. A proper combination of guidelines provided by the Area Chief, inclusion of guidance during training and individual OIC discretion should make it unnecessary to eliminate the direct OIC to D/CO channel.

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